

**Amendments to the Specification are as follows:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 21, lines 20-28 as follows:

Also, the magnetic head mounted on the rotary head apparatus may be a so-called bulk-type, recording and playback magnetic head having a structure in which a pair of core half-bodies composed of high-permeability magnetic material such as ferrite are combined so as to face each other along their opposing surfaces opposed to the magnetic tape T, and the core half-bodies have a magnetic material layer serving as a magnetic gap, interposed between the opposing portions thereof.